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ORIGIN OF THE KADDISH

The most revered of all Jewish prayers, The Kaddish, or Mourners Prayer, has had a striking history. Originally it was a prayer of the schoolroom in the old Babylonian academies. There, when an important religious book or lesson was finished, the Rabbi would recite it as a blessing of dismissal. It betokened that something significant had been completed.

The Kaddish comprises three parts: **A hymn of praise to God** for the glories of the world which He has created, namely, "Magnified and sanctified be His great name, in the world which He has created according to His will"; **a hope**, that even as this lesson has been completed, so may God speedily complete His work among men, expressed in the words, "May He establish His kingdom during your life and during your days, and during the life of all the House of Israel, even speedily and soon, and say ye, Amen"; **a benediction**, "May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life for us and for all Israel."

As the great power of this prayer became more deeply sensed, it was incorporated as a concluding benediction to the regular synagogue service. Later, it was uttered at the death of a great scholar — for the Rabbis felt that just as it was fitting at the completion of a worthy book, so it could be appropriately applied to the completion of a worthy life. From this time on, its usage widened until it became the general prayer for all who are bereaved.

—Exchange

שער זהב

SHA'AR ZAHAV

● Changes

To those of you who are not "Friday Night Regulars", and therefore would not know, Shamir has found it necessary to leave the office of Editor of The Jewish Gaily Forward in order to devote the majority of his energies to other areas of his life. I personally can not tell him how much The Forward has meant to me. If you feel as I do, please share your feelings with him on Friday nights. The Jewish Gaily Forward, like a third of the creation of our synagogue sprang from Shami's heart and filled ours. Thank you Shami, Shalom

Peter

● Stars

This picture of our contingent in the parade appeared on the cover of a Chicago based newspaper called Gaylife. Lookin Good!



photo/Jeffrey Kriger, SF Bay Times

This lesbian and gay Jewish group was among several score religious contingents in the vast 1978 San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Remember, you're never alone. In an emergency you can call our answering service (626-3131), tell them it is an emergency, and they will call and patch you through to Peter or Maida at any hour

Co leader

September will be our month for Congregational Meetings. Friday evening, 8 September, will be the first one. We will be reviewing the by-laws we hope to adopt. The Va'ad (Steering Committee) has been working on a set of by-laws that we will present to the congregation at large with our recommendation. The by-laws contain the membership plan we are hoping to put into effect as of the meeting. Everyone in attendance on the 8th will be able to vote on the by-laws. Once they have been adopted, voting will be members only.

Friday evening, 22 September, we will have our general elections and a vote on the issue I feel is most crucial---the way we want to define ourselves. Are we a "Gay Synagogue" or a "synagogue with an outreach to the gay community?"

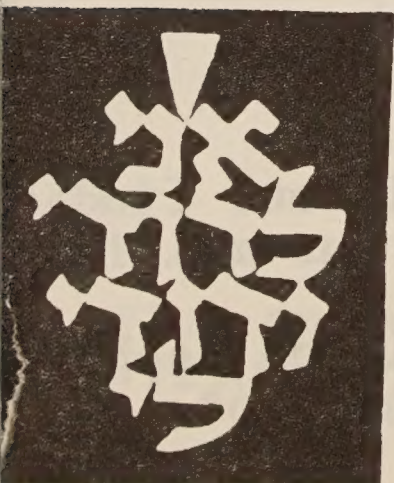
I consider us a Gay Synagogue. Our synagogue was created for reasons we must not forget. We as gay Jews will not find ourselves truly accepted for who we are in traditional synagogues. At best, we would be seen as living an "alternative lifestyle" or, more likely, at best our gayness would be glossed over. Nowhere would it be spoken of openly as a meaningful way of life, a life with many pluses.

In our synagogue, we are striving to remove sexism from our liturgical material and from our services. We speak openly during our worship of our experiences as gay Jews. We are aware of the growing anti-gay sentiments existing around us and the political events that threaten our rights. We are support for one another in these struggles. I know there is more we can do for each other; we are still learning.

A year ago we could have become a caucus of an established congregation---or we could have spread word of our existence among gay people without ever mentioning being gay in our service. We did something different. We created a place to meet our own needs, a place where our gayness is fully recognized, where we can pray---being fully integrated selves, and a place where we can be support for one another when so many around us would have us destroyed.

We truly have created a gay synagogue.

MADA COHEN



I am
my beloved's
and
my beloved
is mine

Elections are coming in September!

- Do you want to be an officer?
- Is there someone you would like to see as an officer?
- Would you like to find out more about what is involved in the jobs?

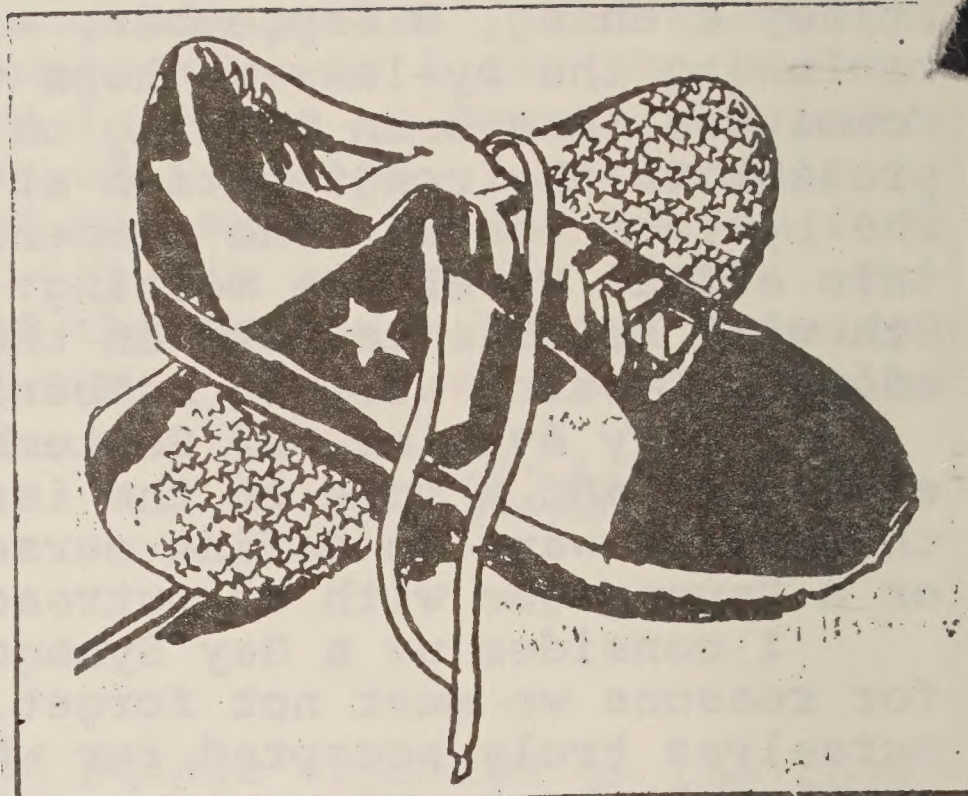
Come to Pre-Election Discusssion on Aug. 11th after Friday night services.

● Running

Several of you have expressed an interest in getting together for some fun runs and a little exercise on weekends. So...

The first Congregation Sha'ar Zahav run will be Sunday, August 20th at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in Golden Gate Park on the lawn area in front of the Stow Lake Boat House. There is a beautiful course around the lake which can extend as far as three miles for those who wish to run that distance.



Are you 10 or more lbs. overweight?
Would you like to lose weight....

permanently, stop smoking....
permanently, or both?

Do you feel you're not in the
shape you once were?

Would you like to get back into
shape?

Would you like to sleep more
soundly?

Would you like to feel more
relaxed?

Are you self-assured enough not to
mind seeming a little different
from other people?

All experienced and inexperienced
joggers are welcomed and encourag-
ed to do good things for your body.

● Thank youse

Special thanks to Hy for being the instigator in our finding our new home and for the enormous job he's done on our mailing list.

Also, to Sarah and Rachel for the beautiful talk on Sephard Jewery. (We're planning to have speakers in Aug. and Sept. too!)

Faces



Co-leaders Maida and Peter

Poem

The dead are the only people
to have permanent dwellings
We, nomads of Revolution
Wander over the desolation
of many generations
And are reborn
on each ther's lips
To ride wild mares
over unfathomable canyons
Heralding dawn, dreams and
sweet desire.

Epistle to Tasha
Rita Mae Brown

Mazel tov

to Beth Chayim Chadashim on their sixth anniversary. May we share many many more anniversaries.

From the Jewish Book of World Records
Most sets of false teeth:

The most sets of false teeth are owned by Abe Gutterman, a 77 yr, old Orthodox Jew. Mr. Gutterman has seven separate sets of dentures, each one for a special purpose. These include:

Type	Usage
1) Milchedik	for dairy foods
2) Flayshig	for meat
3) Pareveh	for neutral food
4) Pesachdik	for Passover food
5) Chometzdik	for forbidden Passover food
6) Trayf	for forbidden nonkosher food

Plus one special set of false teeth which Mr. Gutterman uses strictly for fasting on Yom Kippur.

● Finance

Our second garage sale held on July 16th was a success. Our efforts were rewarded with a total profit of \$125.00. I personally appreciate all your efforts that make these fundraisers a success.

Special Thanks to Sura, Ron, Burton, Allen, and Rob. We will again run a sale in about 2 months, so keep those things you were going to throw away and make a donation to our next successful fund raisor.

Of course, garage sales cannot be our only form of raising money for the synagogue. We have our weekly donations, but that barely keeps us going. We need new ideas and new energy for fundraisers. If you can't donate time, write your ideas down and give them to me on a Friday night. But don't forget what fun it can be to share time with others for a good cause. Anyone who has participated in the garage sales, the benefit, or the Haight Street Fair knows that it's not just the work. We all have a great time and it gives us a chance to get to know each other outside of Friday night Shabbat services. Please give what you can. I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting which will be on August 16th at 455 Cole Street, Apartment 10 at 7:45 p.m.

Shalom,

Lauren

LATE FLASH! We have been granted tax exempt status by the state of California.

"The Jewish Woman"



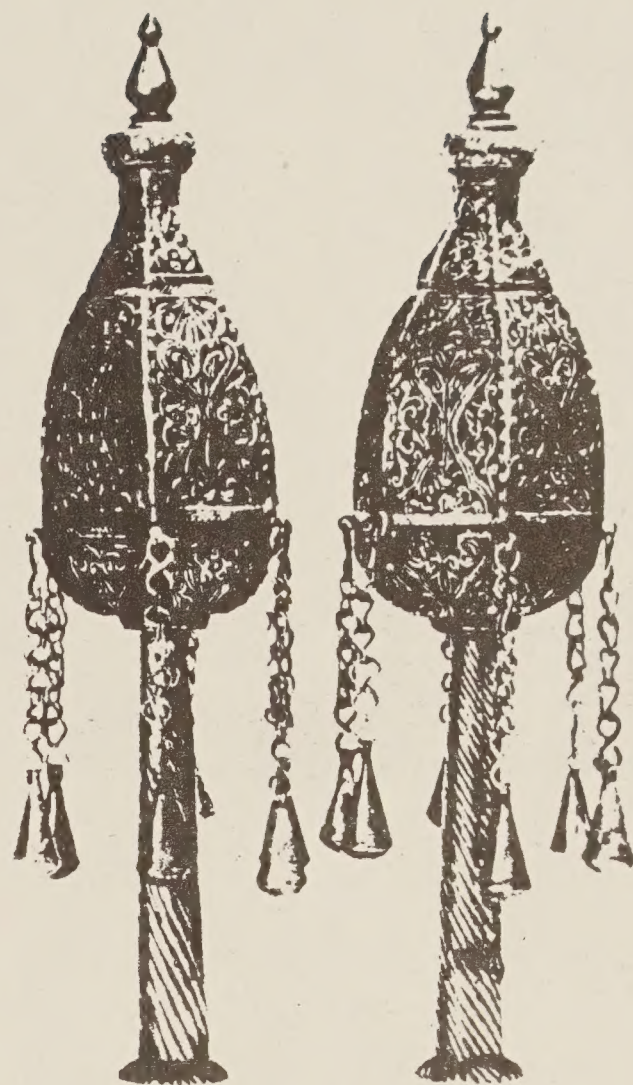
● Oneg

The Oneg Committee would like to thank the congregation for a great response in sponsoring Onegs this month.

- June 30 - Maida, in honor of her sister Judy's visit.
- July 7 - Our great anniversary celebration and 1st Oneg in our new home was sponsored by our founders Bernard, Shamir, and Daniel.
- July 14 - Nancy, in memory of her mother Nellie Levi and Sarah, with her great Sephardic treats.
- July 21 - Home made goodies by Tal'or and Ellis in honor of their friendship
- July 28 - Tom and George for 14 good yrs in San Francisco
- Aug. 4 - Sam, in memory of his mother May

Don't forget that home made goodies are welcome any Friday!

Is there some occasion you'd like to honor? Speak to Sandy at service or call our hotline.



H-8
PAIR RIMONIM. Silver, each with six bells suspended from chains hanging from the middle section. Surmounted by gilded finial. North Africa, 17th century. (Ht. approx. 13")

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Zip Code _____

I am interested in becoming a member.

I am interested in attending High Holiday Services.

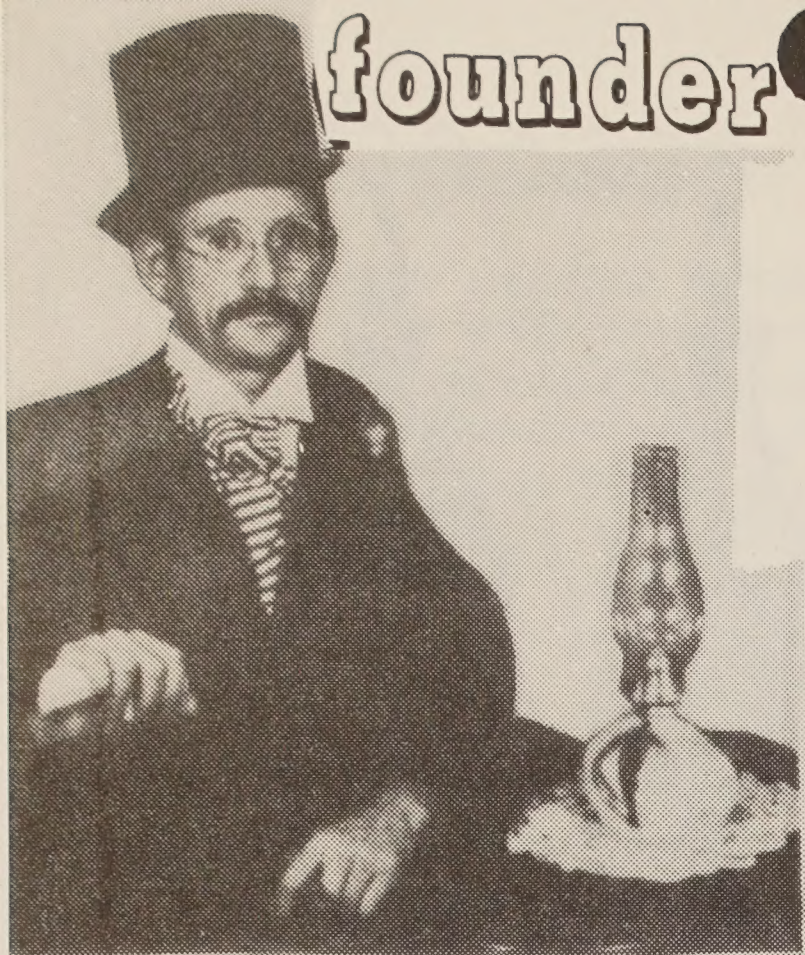
Rosh Hashannah Sun. Oct. 29- 8 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 30- 9 a.m.

Yom Kippur Tues. Sept. 10-8 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 11-all day





founder NEWS REPORT...

Sept. 8 CONGREGATION MEETING (To vote on by-laws and membership)

Sept. 22 CONGREGATION MEETING (To elect officers for 1978-79)

TORAH!!! Maida read a letter July 7th acknowledging that an anonymous donor has given to Sha'ar Zahav a torah smuggled out of Czechoslovakia during the holocaust. It's on its way from London! Thank you whomever you are and Shalom

The Va'ad will meet regularly the 1st Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Call the service for the location.

Kibbutz for and by gay men and lesbians:

Kibbutz Ben Dod is a new Kibbutz now being formed. It will be built in Israel at a place to be determined later and will feature a resort along with the traditional agricultural community. Kibbutz Ben Dod needs your help to come into existence. If you are interested in helping or joining this unique experience, contact Kibbutz Ben Dod c/o 646 Yonge St. Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2A6 Canada (416) 925-5627 or 961-0462

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